## **REMARKS**

Prior to continuing to examine the above-named application, please amend Claim 12 as indicated above. Claim 12 has been amended to clarify the wording of the claimed-subject-previously-defined-in-this-claim, without-changing-the-scope-of-the-claim.

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of the application, or that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

GREER, BURNS & CRAIN, LTD.

By

James K. Folker

Registration No. 37,538

October 16, 2003

300 South Wacker Drive Suite 2500 Chicago, Illinois 60606 Telephone: 312.360.0080 Facsimile: 312.360.9315

Customer No. 24978
F:\Data\WP60\0941\63365\Amend E.DOC